

TEXAS REPUBLICANS

The Austin Convention Meets and
Takes a Recess

FIRST REED GUN FIRED TOMORROW

Depew Discusses Prospects of

BROOKLYN'S EXPLANATION

AUSTIN, Tex., March 28.—The republican state convention was called to order for today's session at 11:15 a.m. All the indications pointed to a stormy meeting. The chair announced that the committee on credentials would not be ready to report until 12 o'clock, and suggested an adjournment until then. At 12 o'clock, opposition was offered by the McKinleyites, but the chair put the vote and an adjournment was had until noon. The McKinleyites rushed in a lot of McKinley pictures and kept their party well in hand by singing, etc.

Mr. Depey on Gov. Morton's Prospects
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—

special train arrived in this city last evening bearing Cornelius Vanderbilt, Chauncey M. Depew, John M. Hone, Jr., and George R. Peck, all intimately related to the Vanderbilt railway interests.

When asked for his views on the political situation, Mr. Depew said:

"It is generally conceded that on the first ballot at the republican national conven-

non attorneys will receive more votes than any other candidate. This, however, singles him out as the one man dangerous to all others, and, as often happens in national conventions, numerous combinations will doubtless be made in order to counteract the influence of his candidacy upon wavering delegations. This is where the real work comes in, to divert attention from one who is ahead to others whose chances are

"If Mr. McKinley could secure the nomination on the first ballot that would settle the whole trouble, but I am confident he will not have the votes necessary to win at that stage, and that he will be forced in the end to abandon the office. Every indication favors the presumption that Mr. McKim will profit from this failure on the first ballot of Mr. McKinley, and that the presidential candidate will come from New York. In these critical moments of contention it is always the case that the preferences of delegations from doubtful states are given special consideration. New York gave Cleveland a plurality of 10,000 and Morton a plurality of 10,000. The chances of the chanceable nature of the vote in the

empire state. It will be considered at St. Louis, and the republicans of New York have no fears regarding the result."

The First Big Gun for Reed.

BOSTON, Mass., March 26.—What is expected to be the first official big gun for Thomas B. Reed as a candidate for President of the United States will be fired with great enthusiasm at the republican state convention here tomorrow.

Preparations for the affair have been practically completed.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, who is chairman of the committee on resolutions, and Representative McCall, who is to preside, have arrived, and during the day were in conference.

The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock by Chairman Lyman of the state

committee. Senator Lodge's name will be presented to the convention as a candidate for delegate at large by Attorney General Knowlton, and, if he is well enough to attend the convention, A. W. Beard will perform a like service for Curtis Guild, jr. Eben S. Draper and Murray Crane will be the other nominees for delegates at large.

of Kings county called on Gov. Morton today and said: "I call to say that the vote of the Kings county delegation in the republican state convention on the Fitchie resolution, fifty-six in number, were cast as a protest against selecting all of the delegates-at-large from New York city and against Greater New York. They were not cast against you. All are for you as a candi-

didate. I and many of the others will work for you at St. Louis."

SPANISH CLAIM SUCCESS.

Reports of Recent Encounters With Cuban Insurgents.

HAVANA, March 26.—The column of troops commanded by Col. Paris, has been

The force commanded by Col. Lavin has been engaged with insurgent cavalry, numbering about 1,000 men, under the leadership of Lacret, at the plantation of San Joquin. The Spanish cavalry charged the enemy, and the latter retreated toward the Gran Cienaga, south of Matanzas, leaving fifteen killed on the field. Among the latter were three officers. The troops also captured a

The columns of troops commanded by Cols. Sánchez and Echevarría have captured the camps of the insurgents at Chorito and Santa Monica, province of Pinar del Rio, and in so doing are said to have obtained possession of nearly all the supplies of the insurgents in that province. The stores were gathered up by the

and in the engagement between the troops and the insurgents the latter left fifty killed, and retired with many wounded. The troops destroyed the stores, which could not be made available for the use of the army, and as part of the plunder belonged to inhabitants of Pinar del Rio, who had suffered at the hands of Maceo's raiders, a quantity of stolen property will be restored to its owners. It is hoped that

The public prosecutor, at the trial of Enrique Aleman, brother of the celebrated bandit, will ask that the death penalty be imposed.

THE YUKON COUNTRY.

**It is Proposed That British Columbia
Take the District.**

VICTORIA, B. C., March 26.—Capt. John Irving, a member for Cassair, in the northern portion of British Columbia, in the provincial legislature, will, Monday, move a resolution which will affect the miners who are going to the Yukon country and may also hasten the solution of the boundary question.

The object of Capt. Irving's resolution is to take this district into British Columbia and govern it from Victoria. Miners would have to conform to British Columbia mining laws and take out licenses, and the provincial government would look more favorably on the proposed scheme to construct a road through Canadian territory to the

mines, giving cities of British Columbia a chance to get some of the trade which the Sound country now practically controls,